

AOS 47
Airline, Dedham and Orrington School Departments



Dear Parents, Guardians & Staff

October 8, 2021

This letter is being sent to share the school district's approach to snow days this winter. There has been ongoing discussion in area districts, similar to last year, and I wanted to share AOS 47's position for the 2021-22 school year.

We are going to use snow days as we have in other years and cancel school for the day for multiple reasons. Being in school allows our staff to maximize the instruction with our students. Many snow days bring some power outages so that moving forward in a curriculum would leave students and households out of the day's learning. Finally, these occasional breaks provided by nature seem as if they should be just that, a break to allow our students to be children.

The AOS 47 calendar has built in six snow days again this year for school cancellations due to inclement weather. In the event that we go beyond those days, we may revisit this option but there is no specific plan to utilize remote days in place of snow days at this time. You will receive the same notifications that we have used in the past when we announce a snow day, typically in the early morning of the actual snow day itself, or the evening beforehand (when a storm seems both large in size and certain to hit us). Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Here's to snow people who are depending on our students to bring them to life!

Sincerely,

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